

ABSTRACT

An anchor to inhibit rotation of a device relative to an oil well casing, comprising a tubular
5 mandrel adapted for direct or indirect connection to the device; a cylindrical housing to
receive at least a portion of the mandrel concentrically therethrough, the housing being
rotatable relative to the mandrel and having a plurality of circumferentially spaced apart
apertures formed in an outer surface thereof; a plurality of spaced apart anchoring slips
disposed between the housing and the mandrel in registry with respective ones of the
10 apertures in the housing's outer surface; first biasing means associated with the mandrel for
rotation therewith in the clockwise or counterclockwise directions to engage and then move
respective ones of the anchoring slips radially towards and then into temporarily anchoring
contact with the casing to prevent further rotation of the mandrel and the device connected
thereto in either of the clockwise or counterclockwise directions; and one or more drag
15 blocks disposed in the housing in registry with respective ones of the apertures in the
housing's outer surface to extend radially outwardly therefrom, each of the drag blocks being
normally biased into frictional contact with the casing to inhibit rotation of the housing
relative to the casing.